



# LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Carjacking**

Two local juveniles were arrested yesterday afternoon after carjacking a 32 year-old Kaplan woman on the parking lot of the Acadiana Mall. Preliminary information indicates that the victim was sitting in her vehicle on the parking lot when the suspects approached her armed with a knife and pulled her from the vehicle. The 3-suspects fled in the victim's vehicle to an unknown location. Lafayette City Marshals observed the stolen vehicle on Walker Road and attempted to stop it. The vehicle stopped after a short pursuit near the observed location and 2 of the 3 suspects were apprehended. The 3<sup>rd</sup> suspect is still at-large; Investigators have confirmed his identity and are attempting to locate him. The victim was not injured during this incident. The 2 arrested suspects are in custody at the Lafayette Juvenile Detention Center. Investigators believe that these juveniles are responsible for several-attempted car jacking over the past several days. The investigation is continuing, anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 232-TIPS.

**1. Arrested:** 15-year-old male of Lafayette.

**Charges:** Carjacking and resisting an officer by flight.

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